

Connecting via Winsock to Dialog

Logging in to Dialog

Trying 31060000009998...Open

DIALOG INFORMATION SERVICES

PLEASE LOGON:

ENTER PASSWORD:

Welcome to DIALOG

Dialog level 05.10.03D

Last logoff: 14mar06 12:22:28

Logon file405 22mar06 15:02:50

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

NEW FILES RELEASED

***Regulatory Affairs Journals (File 183)

***Index Chemicus (File 302)

***Inspec (File 202)

RELOADS COMPLETED

*** MEDLINE has been reloaded with the 2006 MeSH (Files 154 & 155)

*** The 2005 reload of the CLAIMS files (Files 340, 341, 942)

is now available online.

RESUMED UPDATING

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-Williams Act Filings (File 773)

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-Prospectuses (File 774)

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-Registration Statements (File 775)

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-6K,8K, and 10C Filings (File 776)

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-10-K & 20F Filings (File 778)

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-10-Q Filings (File 779)

***EDGARPLUS(TM)-Proxy Statements (File 780)

Chemical Structure Searching now available in Prous Science Drug Data Report (F452), Prous Science Drugs of the Future (F453), IMS R&D Focus (F445/955), Pharmaprojects (F128/928), Beilstein Facts (F390), Derwent Chemistry Resource (F355) and Index Chemicus (File 302).

>>>For the latest news about Dialog products, services, content<<<

>>>and events, please visit What's New from Dialog at <<<

>>><http://www.dialog.com/whatsnew/>. You can find news about<<<

>>>a specific database by entering HELP NEWS <file number>.<<<

FTXTCOR is set ON as an alias for 15, 9, 810, 275, 476, 610, 275, 476, 624, 636, 621, 613, 813, 16, 160, 634, 148, 20

NFTXTCOR is set ON as an alias for 77, 35, 583, 65, 2, 233, 474, 475, 99, 348, 349, 347

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SYSTEM:HOME

Cost is in DialUnits

Menu System II: D2 version 1.7.9 term=ASCII

*** DIALOG HOMEBASE(SM) Main Menu ***

Information:

1. Announcements (new files, reloads, etc.)
2. Database, Rates, & Command Descriptions
3. Help in Choosing Databases for Your Topic

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4. Customer Services (telephone assistance, training, seminars, etc.)
5. Product Descriptions

Connections:

6. DIALOG(R) Document Delivery
7. Data Star(R)

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/H = Help /L = Logoff /NOMENU = Command Mode

Enter an option number to view information or to connect to an online service. Enter a BEGIN command plus a file number to search a database (e.g., B1 for ERIC).

? b 410

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22mar06 15:02:50 User242899 Session D499.1
$0.00 0.213 DialUnits FileHomeBase
$0.00 Estimated cost FileHomeBase
$0.00 Estimated cost this search
$0.00 Estimated total session cost 0.213 DialUnits
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File 410:Dialog Comm.-of-Interest Newsl/Nov (c) 2005 Dialog

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HIGHLIGHT set on as ''

? b ftxtcor nftxtcor

>>> 77 does not exist

>>> 233 does not exist

>>>2 of the specified files are not available

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22mar06 15:03:16 User242899 Session D499.2
$0.00 0.100 DialUnits File410
$0.00 Estimated cost File410
$0.11 TELNET
$0.11 Estimated cost this search
$0.11 Estimated total session cost 0.313 DialUnits
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SYSTEM:OS - DIALOG OneSearch

File 15:ABI/Inform(R) 1971-2006/Mar 22

(c) 2006 ProQuest Info&Learning

File 9:Business & Industry(R) Jul/1994-2006/Mar 20

(c) 2006 The Gale Group

File 810:Business Wire 1986-1999/Feb 28

(c) 1999 Business Wire

File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM) 1983-2006/Mar 21

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File 476:Financial Times Fulltext 1982-2006/Mar 23

(c) 2006 Financial Times Ltd

File 610:Business Wire 1999-2006/Mar 22

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*File 610: File 610 now contains data from 3/99 forward.

Archive data (1986-2/99) is available in File 810.

File 624:McGraw-Hill Publications 1985-2006/Mar 22

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*File 624: Homeland Security & Defense and 9 Platt energy journals added

Please see HELP NEWS624 for more

File 636:Gale Group Newsletter DB(TM) 1987-2006/Mar 21

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File 621:Gale Group New Prod.Annou.(R) 1985-2006/Mar 21

(c) 2006 The Gale Group

File 613:PR Newswire 1999-2006/Mar 22
(c) 2006 PR Newswire Association Inc
*File 613: File 613 now contains data from 5/99 forward.
Archive data (1987-4/99) is available in File 813.
File 813:PR Newswire 1987-1999/Apr 30
(c) 1999 PR Newswire Association Inc
File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R) 1990-2006/Mar 22
(c) 2006 The Gale Group
File 160:Gale Group PROMT(R) 1972-1989
(c) 1999 The Gale Group
File 634:San Jose Mercury Jun 1985-2006/Mar 21
(c) 2006 San Jose Mercury News
File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB 1976-2006/Mar 21
(c)2006 The Gale Group
File 20:Dialog Global Reporter 1997-2006/Mar 22
(c) 2006 Dialog
File 35:Dissertation Abs Online 1861-2006/Feb
(c) 2006 ProQuest Info&Learning
File 583:Gale Group Globalbase(TM) 1986-2002/Dec 13
(c) 2002 The Gale Group
*File 583: This file is no longer updating as of 12-13-2002.
File 65:Inside Conferences 1993-2006/Mar 22
(c) 2006 BLDSC all rts. reserv.
File 2:INSPEC 1898-2006/Mar W2
(c) 2006 Institution of Electrical Engineers
File 474:New York Times Abs 1969-2006/Mar 21
(c) 2006 The New York Times
File 475:Wall Street Journal Abs 1973-2006/Mar 21
(c) 2006 The New York Times
File 99:Wilson Appl. Sci & Tech Abs 1983-2006/Feb
(c) 2006 The HW Wilson Co.
File 348:EUROPEAN PATENTS 1978-2006/ 200611
(c) 2006 European Patent Office
*File 348: For important information about IPCR/8 and forthcoming
changes to the IC= index, see HELP NEWSIPCR.
File 349:PCT FULLTEXT 1979-2006/UB=20060316,UT=20060309
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File 347:JAPIO Nov 1976-2005/Nov(Updated 060302)
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Processed 20 of 26 files ...

Processing

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>>>File 349 processing for INPUT? stopped at INPUTWAVEL0L

>>>File 349 processing for SELECT? stopped at SELECTIGELY

Processing

Completed processing all files

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1258369 GARDEN?
15258086 ENTER?
2740137 INPUT?
9353834 SELECT?
1564077 ZONE
163591 ZIP
2886528 CODE
48073 ZIP(W) CODE
3294044 RECOMMEND?
5688467 SUGGEST?
5798668 PLANT? ?
524605 FLOWER?
7956 ANNUALS
110014 PERENNIAL?
53749 SHRUB?
718359 TREE
495439 TREES
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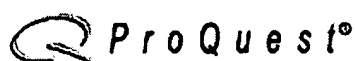
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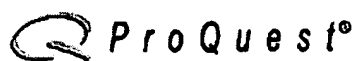
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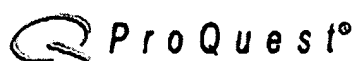
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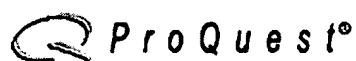
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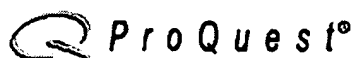
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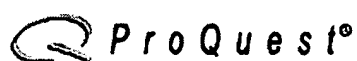
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There is more to creating a great garden than digging and watering. You need to know about the plants you are growing, the pests that plague them and the products that nurture them.

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Garden Escape features timely news articles every week.

Old features are filed in the library. You can tour, in virtual reality, award-winning gardens.

For Midwest-specific information look for the monthly column by Karen Weir-Jimerson.

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Virtual gardening. [Time Inc's Virtual Garden](#) at www.vg.com skimps on information for the Midwest, which isn't even included in the Regional Gardener section.

Still, it's a great place to find articles from West Coast Sunset and Southern Living magazines. You also can look for tips from other magazines such as This Old House and Allen Lacy's Homeground.

Probably the most useful features are in the Toolshed, where you can look up almost any plant.

Better gardens. Better Homes and Gardens, located in Des Moines, Iowa, has its own Web site at www.bhglive.com.

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There are new articles daily during the week, plus special features.

GardenNet. If you want to make connections with specialty nurseries, swap seeds with other gardeners or shop for books, stop at gardennet.com.

Garden Links connects you to nursery catalogs. Listed by subject, the links offer easy access to home pages and opportunities to request their catalogs.

Other sites. You also can visit specialized sites of Cooperative Extension Services:

[Ohio State University](#) offers an extensive file of fact sheets and databases at hortwww-2.ag.ohio-state.edu/.

United States Department of Agriculture lets you review its state-of-the-art research and connect to other publicly funded horticulture sites, including the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service and more at www.usda.gov.

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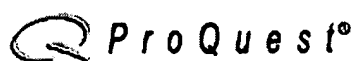
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Q: Last year, you gave some great gift ideas for the gardeners on my Christmas list. This year, I want to try to get these gardeners something unique. Any thoughts?

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For those of you who aren't ready to shop in cyberspace, here are some suggestions available at your local garden retailer, by mail and by phone. Santa knows which garden bugs have been bad or good this year - and so do the people at Gardens Alive! Gardeners have grown to know and love the Gardens Alive! catalog with its environmentally responsible organic garden, home and pet products. The catalog features items such as Green Lacewings and Sta-Home Lady Beetles, the acclaimed corn-based A-mazing Lawn (an effective alternative to traditional herbicides and fertilizers) and Tomatoes Alive! (an abundant harvest of luscious tomatoes). For a free

catalog, write Gardens Alive!, 5100 Schenley Place, Dept. 4457, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025, or call (812) 537-8650.

Compost really happens when you give a little gift guaranteed to tickle your garden-loving friends. It's a gift of, well, rhino doo. In a major recycling effort, Zoo Doo helps zoos converting steaming piles of rhino dung (among others) into an odorless composted fertilizer. Available nationwide, their poo-pourri of gift-packaged products now includes Dung Buddy garden sculptures and Doo Darling plant stakes.

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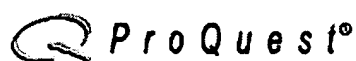
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A Web in the garden Searching the Internet for plant information is almost as satisfying as being outside; [ONE STAR Edition]

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Bookmark sites The very first site you should bookmark is <http://www.garden.com> because it is the best, all-purpose garden Web site where you can read articles, **shop** for garden plants and tools, keep abreast of garden events, talk with other gardeners, design your own garden and link to other sites.

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Gardening on the World Wide Web is a wonderful way to while away several hours during the snowbound winter months. Your computer might not be as tactile or as cuddly as a big stack of colorful well-known garden and seed catalogs, but it certainly is every bit as fun and even more informational.

In fact, the biggest problem with garden Web surfing is there is just too much information out there. I asked [Yahoo!](#) to search gardening for me and it came up with over 718 sites in 27 categories. The same search on Lycos/HotBot turned up 128,770 results and Excite produced 69,822 matches.

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Browser choice Like most Web surfers, I needed to find some way to sort through this mountain of sites. [iYahoo!](#) seemed to be the best search engine for organizing my search for gardens, with Lycos a close second. If you are the kind of person who likes to cruise different sites with only curiosity in mind, either these search vehicles will make you happy.

I like [iYahoo!](#) because each of the categories listed -- including books, companies, flowers, leaf blower issues, organic ponds and more -- can take you to a new set of categories and a long list of Web sites.

For instance, I clicked on "Companies" as one of the [iYahoo!](#) gardening categories. Up came an easy-to-read list of categories of companies, including hydroponics, lighting, pest control, seeds, turf and more. Click on seeds and another 134 Web sites come up for you to choose from.

Going back to the main [iYahoo!](#) gardening page you will find its selection of nearly 100 sites, including An English Country Garden ("visit my country garden in the southwest of England,") Herbal Gardens (with information and discussion of herbs, flowers and vegetable gardening,) Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (presents America's virtual landscape "Cyberlawn USA."

Once you find sites you like, simply bookmark them and come back to them as often as you like.

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Garden Escape is [garden.com](http://www.garden.com)'s online magazine, and it is very good. Editor Doug Jimerson is a horticulturist and was the longtime garden editor at Better Homes and Gardens. A recent feature article is "Create A Great Perennial Garden," written by Steve Frowine, a horticulturist from White Flower Farm.

There is a regional gardening section with tips on what to do in your area of the country, a community garden section with forums and chat rooms, and a garden doctor you can ask to solve your garden problems.

The site [garden.com](http://www.garden.com) does try to sell you things, such as the perennials featured in a given article. Many people find this actually to be a service, for which you can push a button, give your credit-card number and find a box of plants or seeds in the mail before too long.

The competition The Virtual Garden (<http://www.vg.com>) is [garden.com](http://www.garden.com)'s main competitor, and it, too, has many of the same features, including columns and articles written by experts, such as Alan Lacy, former garden columnist for The [New York Times](#).

You can consult its Garden Gurus with problems, e-mail in chat rooms, and get regional gardening advice. But this is the site of Time Life, and one of the greatest attributes is the online version of the "Time Life Complete Gardener Encyclopedia."

Here you can learn everything you ever wanted to know and more about Campanula, for instance, or hundreds of other bits of garden information. Oddly enough, if you want to buy anything while reading through [vg.com](http://www.vg.com), you are automatically linked to the shopping section of [garden.com](http://www.garden.com).

Garden companies The Web sites of garden companies and magazines are two other great places to find garden information and products. Almost every seed company you can name has a Web site or is in the process of building one.

The W. Atlee Burpee Co., <http://www.burpee.com>, is a good example, and one of the best. Here you can order a print catalog, go to its online catalog and place an order, check out some recipes for cooking with the fruits and vegetables you grow from Burpee seeds, and even get a question answered by a gardening expert.

Burpee's expert is Charlie Nardozzi Sr., horticulturist for the National Gardening Association in Vermont. E-mail Charlie a question through the Burpee site and he promises to e-mail an answer in 48 hours. Before you e-mail, check out the Q and A library, where the answer to your question may already be waiting for you.

Horticulture Magazine, <http://www.hortmag>, is a site that is just as colorful and well-designed as the magazine itself. Yes, they will be happy to sell you seeds and plants, sign you up for a subscription, or book you on one of their world garden tours, but they also display the entire contents of the current and past issues of the magazine, complete with illustrations and photography.

Organic Gardening (<http://organicgardening.com>, Fine Gardening (<http://finegardening.com>), Garden Gate (<http://augusthome.com/gardeng>) and The National Gardening Association magazine (<http://www2.garden.org/nga>) all have Web sites where you can cruise their contents without buying a subscription. The NGA site also has one other really neat idea. It offers online courses, such as "Botany for Gardeners," that cost only \$70.

Take to the links Links are another way to discover whole new realms of garden information. The NGA site, for instance, has a wonderful set of links. Since it is also a not-for-profit research and education group, its links take you to reams of university research on plant development, cell biology, urban tree tests and more esoteric stuff than you can imagine. Remember, the Internet was established so university researchers could share information, and gardeners can tap into that as well.

The site <http://miningco.com> is a large general purpose Web portal but if you go to its gardening section you will find a list of "In the Spotlight" links to feature articles from a variety of publications. I clicked on herbs, and then cilantro, and was treated to a biography of one of my favorite herbs culled from County Living Gardener magazine, part of the Home Arts Network of Hearst Publications.

Garden Planet (<http://www.worldleader.com/garden/index.htm>) is another linking site that bills itself as "Web resources for friendly gardeners." It has a good list of links to some of the lesser-known seed companies, such as Territorial Seeds, as well as a variety of different software possibilities. This site picks "Our Most Hopping Places," finding garden sites of humorous, as well as informational, interest.

At <http://gardennet.com> you get not only links to other sites but brief reviews before you link to them. In particular it reviews seed catalogs, such as Thompson & Morgan, and magazines like The Wild Garden.

Also, <http://gardenweb.com>, the "Internet's garden community," focuses its search on forums, through which it claims to have the largest community of gardeners on the Internet. Forums are good because you can potentially post a question to the entire Internet community and almost anyone can answer. You in turn can answer anybody else's question or give a comment.

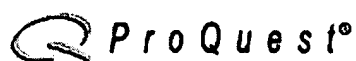
Signing up One thing you will find as you visit Web sites is that some will want you to join for free or sign their membership lists. If you do, you will receive some "spam," or e-mail messages, from them. You don't have to sign up, but I have found the spam to be unobtrusive, and in fact I like to be notified when new information is posted at these various sites.

The only other drawback to virtual gardening on the Web is a stiff back from sitting in a poorly designed chair for too long. And you might put on a few pounds if you snack while surfing. But soon the ground will thaw and you can get back to actual gardening shape when the weather warms in spring.

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I looked over from my laptop while sitting in the sun and saw my neighbour hoeing and raking and mowing and weeding in her back yard. She's a serious gardener and like many who love to toil with the soil, she seems to try

and outdo herself every year.

"Do you know any good gardening Web sites?" I asked as I sat sunning and surfing.

"Not many," she said. "None that are good for Quebec, anyway." So, wanting to be helpful, I dug around, some, and here's what I found while she pruned and watered.

I discovered that gardening has a strong presence on the Web. There are hundreds of sites. You wouldn't think all those nerds and geeks have green thumbs, but apparently some do.

The i Can Garden site has a pretty design and plenty of great Canadian horticultural content. The site has columns by expert contributors from around the country. The subject matter varies from planting for birds, and some of the vegetation that attracts feathered friends, to the dangers of the Magnolia scale. The articles are practical and approach the subjects in depth.

i Can Garden also has some neat features like the Seed Saver page. This is a forum that lets gardeners trade seeds, from the inevitable remainders at the bottom of the envelope. There are pages with information and links to gardening courses, clubs, and volunteer organizations around the country.

The Virtual Gardener is a good all purpose common or garden variety E-zine, produced in Canada. There is a cover story. The current one is written by a woman planning to grow the world's largest pumpkin. There are feature stories, like interviews with famous gardeners who share their knowledge. The site's tips section has some interesting tidbits like the suggestion to use steel reinforcing rods for concrete for various functions around the garden. Once it rusts, it just blends right in, apparently.

A great number of gardening clubs and associations have sites, and they are fun to look at. The sites are practical for listing calendars of events and presenting news about the organization. What's more, sites can be great image albums to display the proud floral accomplishments of the members of the club.

The Quebec Rose Society has a site with a page of fine specimens of roses. There is also a page with a calendar of the events of the club's annual show late in June.

"To boldly grow where no one has groan before," is the mission statement of Garden Humour. This site is the work of one David Hobson, someone who may have spent a little too much time in the sun or rooting around his compost heap.

Hobson has fun with the site. He has a little animated worm on the home page, so he ran a contest asking users to Name That Worm. There is a page with their responses, the names and explanations. Other odd contests included the "What do I do with all that Zucchini challenge" The winners of these contests are awarded a copy of Hobson's book, Soiled Reputations.

The heart of the site is the Mad Gardener's Diary. This is a daily update about one aspect or another of the gardener's experience. There is some practical stuff and some interesting personal notes.

Hobson's no slouch when it comes to the green thumb. His garden won an award as the Best Garden from the Horticultural Society in Waterloo, his home town and an avid gardening community.

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Gardening seems easy enough to people who don't do it. Just throw some seeds in the ground, water and Presto! Salad. But anyone who's tried knows that you sometimes have failures that are difficult to explain. Garden problem solving is an important business. "Just as there are no 'problem' dogs, there are no 'problem' gardens" writes Lindley Karstens of the No Problem Garden site.

The site has a basic premise. Certain pesky garden conditions are listed and simple remedies are presented. No Problem also has an effectively classified links page to other garden sites of note.

There are a number of gardening links sites and most gardeners like to have a large well-tended links page on their own site. Dr. Scott Russell who teaches at in the Department of Botany and Microbiology of the [University of Oklahoma](#) has set up Scott's Botanical Links.

The site has a Link-of-the-day feature where Scott designates a site with a green theme as the chosen one. Some of these sites are fairly academic but some would appeal to a wide plant-loving public. There are some beautiful sites describing plant life that every gardener can admire. There are sites like Wildflower Nirvana, which classifies a number of North American wildflowers, with terrific images.

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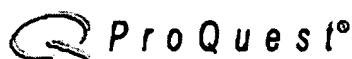
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It might not look like spring yet, but since the vernal equinox arrived Wednesday, winter is history for Chicago.

It won't be long before gardeners can pull out their rakes, seeds, pots and hoses for another enjoyable season of getting good and dirty.

Before going into action, the computer-savvy gardener might want to dig up some tips on the World Wide Web.

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The GardenWeb has a mystery plant contest, a link to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, virtual trips to gardens in

Scotland and Sweden and a crossword puzzle. Another general gardening site is The Armchair Gardener, which includes images of flowers and woodlands and tips for planting.

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There are gardeners and then there are cultivators of the rose. People who raise rosebushes are a proud and temperamental lot, many of whom spend the entire year planning their summer blooms. Two good sites for rose fanciers are The Rose Garden, which includes some lovely photography, and The Home Page of the American Rose Society.

Growing herbs has many rewards, for backyard crops can be used both in the kitchen and as medicinal teas. Electric Newt (no, it has nothing to do with the Speaker of the House) offers tips on growing herbs.

Day lilies pop out only in midsummer and never seem to last long enough, but many gardeners plan their whole backyards around day lily displays. Check out the Day Lily Place for cultivation information.

The most difficult flower to grow might be the orchid. Hobbyists spend untold hours cultivating this beautiful tropical bloom. The Orchid House might help make it easier.

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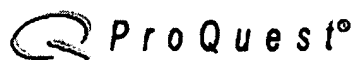
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DO IT NOW!

Hold that moisture: Mulch tree and shrub beds while the soil is moist. This also will discourage the germination of weed seeds. Make sure the mulch is no more than 3 inches deep. To keep from promoting insect attack and diseases, don't mound soil or mulch against tree trunks. Organic mulches always should be aged before they are applied; fresh mulch robs the soil of nutrients as it decomposes.

It's not too late: Even though many leaves are emerging early, it's not too late to apply a preventative fungicide treatment to crab apples that were severely infested last year with apple scab. Follow directions on the fungicide's label, but apply at shorter intervals if the weather is continuously humid.

Q&A

I am concerned about a blue spruce that appears to have browned out in sections. The needles have lost their blue color and appear almost bronzed. Could this be winter damage?

--Skokie

Bronze foliage on blue conifers or evergreens could be winter damage but also could be symptoms of early spring spruce spider mites. Shake a branch over a white piece of paper and see if any tiny dots show up and start moving around. If you squish a dot on the paper and a green streak appears, it is a harmful mite. If a yellow/orange streak appears, however, the dot is one of the beneficial predatory mites that feed on the pests. Spraying is not recommended if many of the beneficial mites are present. Otherwise, controls for this problem include miticides, lightweight oils or insecticidal soaps. Oils can cause a loss of blue color on blue spruce, so choose another control.

What is an appropriate fertilizer to use on small trees and shrubs throughout my yard?

--Chicago

Fertilizer should be applied only after you have taken a soil test to determine what nutrients, if any, are lacking in your yard. The results of the test will indicate the levels of phosphorus, potassium and micronutrients present in the soil, and whether additional amounts are necessary. In general, fertilizer should not be applied routinely, but only when the plant demonstrates a need for it or the soil is lacking in certain important components. Most woody plants located in the middle of a fertilized lawn receive sufficient nitrogen via the lawn fertilizer.

Lee Randhava writes for the Chicago Botanic Garden. Send your concerns to Questions, Plant Information, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022, or send e-mail to home&garden@tribune.com. Letters of general interest will be answered in this space.

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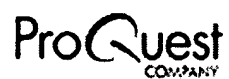
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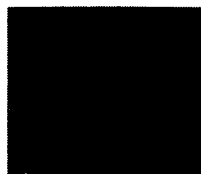
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A. If they are growing beautifully, keep doing what you're doing. The duranta comes in bush and tree (standard) form and has sky blue flowers from April to November followed by golden yellow fruit clusters. It can be shaped but doesn't demand a lot of care. The small evergreen tree usually is called golden dewdrop. Unpruned, it will reach 15 feet high. It should be fertilized lightly in February and October.

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Q. I'd like to grow a perennial in full sun. What would you recommend?

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Q. Our citrus tree, about four years old, has borne a bumper crop of oranges each year, but quite a few fall from the tree before they are ripe. What should I do?

A. The tree is producing more than it can handle and sheds the excess fruit. This kind of premature fruit drop is normal and nothing to worry about.

Q. When and how should the crape myrtle be pruned?

A. If you must prune, the time would be January and February, before the tree leafs out. It is not necessary to prune. If yours is a tall variety, don't try to control its height by pruning. Prune to shape the tree into an attractive form.

Q. Is there anything I can do about the armadillos that tear up my flower beds every night? I've tried mothballs, cat litter, you name it.

A. I know of no effective way to get rid of armadillos. They burrow in your yard searching for the food they know is there - grubs and earthworms. The only way to get rid of the armadillos is to get rid of their food supply, and that is not practical.

Q. What are some flowering trees recommended for Central Florida that do not drop their leaves in winter?

A. Magnolia, golden dewdrop (duranta), bottle brush (callistemon rigidus), hibiscus (borderline hardy) and oleander.

Q. Is it true that plants "clean the air" in a room?

A. Yes, plants absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. A NASA test showed that plants also remove carbon monoxide, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Some of the most common house plants are the most active "air cleaners": spider plant, corn plant, ficus tree, philodendron and spathiphyllum.

Q. My king sago has little suckers growing around the base. Can they be removed? The sago also has yellowish leaves.

A. You can remove the suckers without harm and it will greatly enhance the appearance of this small, palmlike tree. The yellowish leaves most likely come from a magnesium deficiency. Florida soil is often deficient in magnesium and manganese. It shows up as chlorosis, or yellowing of leaves. You can tell if a manganese deficiency is present because new leaves appear frizzled. Both can be cured and prevented with a twice-a-year application of a cupful of each. The products are sold as manganese sulfate and magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt).

Q. How should I install English ivy as a ground cover?

A. Select an area with partial or high shade, such as under an oak tree. Thoroughly spade the area, incorporating large amounts of peat moss and cow manure, along with a complete fertilizer such as 6-6-6 (one pound per 100 square feet). Space the ivy plants about 12 inches apart and continue to water them well. When new leaves appear, reduce watering. Ivy needs a thick mulch, about 4 inches deep, preferably of oak leaves. In about a year, the ivy will be a lush, continuous green carpet, maintenance-free except for trimming the borders occasionally.

Q. I am looking for a book that describes plants for dry places. You wrote about it but I lost it.

A. The book is *The Right Plants for Dry Places* by the Suncoast Native Plant Society published by Great Outdoors Publishing Co. in St. Petersburg. It is available at most bookstores for \$12.95.

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I have seen many conifers with dead branches. Although blue spruce is more drought-tolerant than many of the spruce species, the length of this summer's drought caused damage. Blue spruce are native to the higher elevations in the Rocky Mountains. They are generally found along stream banks and other moist sites. Deep, rich, gravelly soils are ideal for their growth. From your address, I doubt that you have these soil conditions. Heavy clay soils are acceptable for spruce, but not ideal. When combined with drought conditions, the result is poor vigor.

A: Strawberry plantings should be mulched for winter protection. Mulching protects them from severe cold and from heaving due to freezing and thawing of the soil. Use a clean, seed-free mulch of wheat or rye straw, since tree leaves and oat straw tend to pack and smother the strawberry plants. Coarser materials provide little protection, but may be placed over the straw to keep it in place. The mulch should be 3 to 4 inches deep. Apply the mulch after several sharp freezes that send the temperature into the lower 20s.

A: **Select** a container with drainage holes. Cover the holes with pieces of broken clay pots, screening, or sponges. Place enough potting soil in the bottom of the pot so the top of the bulbs will come up to a half inch from the rim of the pot. The potting soil should be a light, well-draining mix. Place bulbs on the soil about an inch apart, using as many bulbs as necessary to fill the pot. Add more soil until just the tips of the bulbs are exposed. Water the soil and allow it to drain thoroughly. Add more soil if necessary. Label the pot with the name of the cultivar.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Join the fun on a "Holiday Lights Tour." Displays to be visited include Public Square,  **General Electric Co.**'s Nela Park, the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland and the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. The \$30 cost of the tour includes motor coach, buffet dinner at the Hofbrau House, all admission charges and bus driver's gratuity. The tour benefits the Extension Service's urban community gardening program, Seed-to-Shelf. For information, call Dennis Rinehart at 631-1890.

Q: A mass of Colorado blue spruce at the edge of our property screens a horrible view. Many of the spruces have branches that are dying. Will they come back in the spring?

A: If a branch of a spruce drops all of its needles or the needles turn brown and die, it is unlikely that the branch will come back in the spring. Check the bud at the end of each branch. A green, supple bud indicates that spring may bring new growth. If the bud is dried out, the branch is dead.

I have seen many conifers with dead branches. Although blue spruce is more drought-tolerant than many of the spruce species, the length of this summer's drought caused damage. Blue spruce are native to the higher elevations in the Rocky Mountains. They are generally found along stream banks and other moist sites. Deep, rich, gravelly soils are ideal for their growth. From your address, I doubt that you have these soil conditions. Heavy clay soils are acceptable for spruce, but not ideal. When combined with drought conditions, the result is poor vigor.

The dieback may be the direct result of environmental conditions or of a secondary infection by a disease like Cytospora. If the trees do die, try to view the situation as an opportunity to replace this mass planting of one species with a mixture of plants that are more appropriate for the soil and climate. With a mix, it is less likely that an entire planting will die from a disease, insect infestation or weather condition.

Q: What should I use to mulch my strawberry patch? And when should I apply the mulch?

A: Strawberry plantings should be mulched for winter protection. Mulching protects them from severe cold and from heaving due to freezing and thawing of the soil. Use a clean, seed-free mulch of wheat or rye straw, since tree leaves and oat straw tend to pack and smother the strawberry plants. Coarser materials provide little protection, but may be placed over the straw to keep it in place. The mulch should be 3 to 4 inches deep. Apply the mulch after several sharp freezes that send the temperature into the lower 20s.

Q: I have some daffodil and tulip bulbs left over. Can I force them indoors?

A: Select a container with drainage holes. Cover the holes with pieces of broken clay pots, screening, or sponges. Place enough potting soil in the bottom of the pot so the top of the bulbs will come up to a half inch from the rim of the pot. The potting soil should be a light, well-draining mix. Place bulbs on the soil about an inch apart, using as many bulbs as necessary to fill the pot. Add more soil until just the tips of the bulbs are exposed. Water the soil and allow it to drain thoroughly. Add more soil if necessary. Label the pot with the name of the cultivar.

Store the planted pot in a cool location (between 35 and 48 degrees Fahrenheit) for 10 to 12 weeks. After the chilling period, move the pot to a cool (55 to 65 degrees), sunny room. Growth will begin and flowers will bloom in about a month. For complete instructions on forcing bulbs, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to Forcing Bulbs, [Ohio State University](http://ohio.osu.edu/extension) Extension Service, 3200 W. 65th St., Cleveland, O. 44102. This will help bring a bit of spring into your home during the cold winter.

Q: We have a very small yard, and our landscaping efforts have resulted in a mismatched collection of nice plants. Nothing seems to fit together. How can we correct this?

A: People who love plants often have this problem, and a small yard intensifies it. I suggest you measure your property and draw it to scale on paper. Include all permanent features. Then determine how you want to use each section of the property (play area, flower gardens, landscaped areas, vegetable gardens, screens, entertainment/dining, composting, etc.) Place these areas logically on your drawing. Then develop a focal point such as an ornamental tree, a bird bath, a gazebo, a colorful planting area or whatever. Place plantings on the plan so they look neat and attractive. Use plants that complement or contrast in foliage color and texture.

With small yards, it is best to keep to a basic color scheme. Softer colors work better for small areas. One couple in Lakewood matched the basic color scheme of the flowers with the trim on their house and developed an award-winning landscape.

A pitfall to avoid is over-planting. Plan for the mature size of plants and fill in the voids with annuals until the permanent plants mature. Clean, crisp edges will improve the look. Finally, keep the layout simple.

Q: This summer was a real trial for me. We have a well and must soften our water, which gives our water a high

salt content. Should I avoid using this water for gardens and houseplants? If so, where do I get water for plants?

A: This is a dilemma for many people. You should not use this water on potted plants because of the possible salt buildup, and I would not recommend salt-softened water for the garden either. Alternative sources are ponds and cisterns. Ponds can be focal points in the landscape. You should remember that a pond will require maintenance and can increase your insurance rates. Cisterns are rare these days, but they can be a good source of water for gardens and plants. The water from your house's gutters can be diverted into a cistern. Water from a dehumidifier also can be used on houseplants.

Q: I have a sunroom that doubles as a conservatory during the cold months. The plants are tropicals that do beautifully during the summer and then slowly deteriorate during the winter. What can I do to improve conditions for winter growth?

A: It is not necessarily bad that the tropicals just exist during the winter. Cooler conditions provide these plants with a resting period. Cool temperatures reduce the insect pressure by slowing down insects' rate of growth and reproduction.

However, if the plants are actually deteriorating during their winter sojourn, then you must consider improving conditions in the room. Keep the temperature above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. You may need to provide supplemental lighting. "Grow" lights will improve conditions.

Group plants together to increase the relative humidity around them. Trays and saucers of moist pebbles also help with humidity, as will a humidifier. Avoid drafts, whether warm or cool. Some plants, like tropical hibiscus, can be drastically pruned when brought into the house. They will gradually leaf out during the winter. Slowly acclimating the plants from outdoor summer conditions to indoor conditions also will reduce stress on the plants.

Q: I have been reading many articles on xeriscaping. Is this something gardeners in the Great Lakes region need to be concerned about?

A: It is certainly not a critical issue for most people in this area. We have the world's largest supply of fresh water nearby, and our water costs are relatively low. However, no natural resource should be wasted just because it is in good supply. Droughts bring this issue home every few years.

Use plants that are appropriate for the soil and climatic conditions. Group plants with similar water needs. Your landscape's focal point could be an area that requires additional watering. Zones of lesser water needs can be established so some areas will require minimal or no watering at all, even during droughts. Drip irrigation systems are now available to the home gardener.

These systems offer reduced water usage and targeted application. You don't have to worry about wet foliage and the resulting disease possibilities. Soaker hoses are an alternative solution to placing water where it is most needed and reducing waste.

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Most fig varieties are hardy in USDA Zones 8 to 10 and will tolerate temperatures as low as about 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Fig trees require a cool dormant period at 40 degrees to 50 degrees. You can grow figs outdoors in cool regions (Zones 5 to 7) if you select early maturing varieties such as 'Alma,' 'Celeste,' 'Brunswick,' 'Marseilles' or 'English Brown Turkey.' Plant them in a warm area sheltered from the winds and provide winter protection by wrapping and insulating. {A few people in Greater Cleveland have grown these varieties of figs in protected areas.}

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One of the oldest fruits known to civilization, the fig is said to have roots in Southwest Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean, wrote Lucy Wing in an article in the July issue of Country Living.

Fresh ripe figs can be pale yellow, almost black, purple, green or burgundy on the outside with amber, red or translucent pink flesh containing tiny edible seeds. For fresh eating, there is little difference in flavor among varieties.

Figs must ripen on the tree. When ripe, they hang downward and the skin is extremely delicate. While commercial crops grown for drying may be mechanically harvested, picking figs for the fresh-fruit market requires a gentle hand - one reason why they are expensive.

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Plant fig trees in average well-draining soil, at least 10 feet apart, away from citrus plants and ornamentals. Figs do not need the extra nitrogen and water other trees require. Most fig varieties are self-pollinating.

Dig a hole that is wider than it is deep. Fig trees have flat, spreading root systems, not long taproots. Application of high potash liquid fertilizer every 10 days or so during the summer and up to just before fruit ripening is beneficial. High amounts of nitrogen will provide lush growth at the expense of fruit.

Fig trees usually bear fruit the year after planting. When figs are soft to the touch and droop slightly on their stems, they are ready to harvest.

A ripe fig feels plump, yields easily to light pressure and is moist inside. If hard, a fig's flesh will taste dry instead of syrupy and sweet.

Ripe figs are perishable and must be stored with care. Arrange them slightly apart on a tray lined with paper towels and then refrigerate them uncovered for up to five days. To eat them, trim off the hard part of the stem end. Some people pull off the thin skin, others don't. Sweet figs draped in thinly sliced prosciutto make a sophisticated first course. They are also delicious roasted.

Figs are seasonal, appearing abundantly in markets from July through November, depending on where you live. Most fig trees bear two crops, the first on the previous season's growth and the second on current wood. While summer figs are usually larger individually, fall brings a more bountiful harvest.

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All around metro Atlanta, where per capita water consumption continues to rise and fast-growing counties such as Forsyth, Paulding and Rockdale struggle to keep up with demand, outdoor watering bans have become the bane of many a homeowner's summer landscaping project.

But some landscape architects and horticulturists say homeowners wouldn't need to worry so much about watering restrictions if they adopted a simple, common-sense approach to landscaping that features more shade trees and drought-tolerant plants and judicious use of turf grass.

Xeriscape (coined from "xeric," which denotes plants that can tolerate dry conditions) is the term most often used to describe the idea that home landscapes should mimic nature. Its main precept: Put the right plant in the right place and you will reduce maintenance and save water and money.

Fox McCarthy, conservation coordinator with the Cobb-Marietta Water Authority, says that xeriscaping is often misunderstood. "It's not zero- scape," he says. "It doesn't mean cacti in gravel beds, like in the Southwest. In our region, it can be as lush as any traditional landscape, but still conserve water."

Post Properties, a developer and manager of apartment communities throughout the Southeast, has long been recognized as a leader in designing and promoting water-saving landscapes. Post installs lavish landscapes at its apartments. The colorful, irrigated plants are concentrated in the most visible areas, such as entrances and medians. Other areas include trees and shrubs that require less water.

For example, the Post-designed city park on the square in Marietta is actually a model xeriscape.

"You don't have to sacrifice quality or color or curb appeal for a water-efficient landscape," says Chris Tibbitts, senior vice president of Post Landscape. "We simply group plants according to their needs and the conditions on the site. And we only irrigate about 10 percent of the area around our properties. Most homeowners can easily do the same."

"It's just sound horticultural practice," says Bill Brigham, a landscape architect who specializes in xeriscaping. "It's a cookbook method that's very easy once you understand the basic principles."

When Hylton and Patsy Dupree hired Brigham to design a landscape for their rural-suburban west Cobb County residence, they told him they wanted it to be low-maintenance but retain the character of a traditional landscape. Brigham managed to incorporate all seven standard xeriscape principles (see sidebar) into a water-efficient plan that has classic curb appeal.

"It's not a huge lawn," Patsy Dupree says. "But we're more natural people. No offense to golfers, but we didn't want it to look like a golf course, because that's man-made. We wanted it to look natural and inviting, and I think it does."

The key to any xeriscape plan, say experts, is dividing the landscape into three water-use zones: high (regular watering), moderate (occasional watering) and low (natural rainfall). The goal is to concentrate high-water-use zones, such as turf grass, in small, highly visible areas, such as around the front door, and create shade by leaving existing trees where possible.

At the Dupree residence, the undulating strip of shade-tolerant zoysia grass that forms the narrow yard leading to the front door and the beds of colorful annuals that frame it are considered high-water-use zones, as is the perennial garden around the circular patio in the back yard.

Moderate-water-use zones include plantings of hybrid azalea, hosta and Japanese maple, as well as a full-sun cutting garden, also in the back yard. Even there, though, Patsy Dupree chose drought-tolerant, old-fashioned and native perennials including yarrow, baptisia, gaura and 'Nearly Wild' rose.

Low-water-use zones include naturalized areas of large shade trees, yaupon hollies and mahonias, pine islands planted with ground covers such as cotoneaster, a wildflower meadow and an expanse of natural pasture.

"The basic design is low-maintenance," Patsy Dupree says. "But Bill left a few areas for me to play in. That's where I plant my flowers and herbs. The other real key is, it's right where we live, next to the kitchen. I can walk out in the morning with my coffee and do a little gardening."

[Illustration]

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Local nurseries and garden outlets have their finest selection of flowering cherry trees at this time of the year. They are just coming out of their winter dormant cycle and they can safely be transplanted now and in the next few weeks to come.

The key to success in growing any tree is to prepare the soil properly. Take time to prepare a planting hole at least twice as large in width and twice as deep in depth as the actual spread of the roots of the tree you're planting. Generally, this will result in a planting hole about four feet wide and two feet deep.

Mix ample amounts of compost humus into the soil, such as peat moss, processed manure, compost, if available, or leaf mulch from a wooded area. Also add a non-burning transplanting fertilizer, mixing these additives thoroughly with your existing soil. Set the tree right at ground level the same depth as it was previously planted. The correct planting depth is often indicated by a soil mark on the stem of the tree. Firm the soil in around the roots of the tree and water it thoroughly.

If the tree tends to be top heavy and unsteady in its present location, be certain to stake it to provide protection from wind-whipping during strong wind storms.

Here are a few of the most popular varieties of flowering cherries.

The variety you see in bloom now is called the Autumn flowering cherry. The first of the blossoms started earlier this winter and the plant continues to flower during warm spells throughout the winter. Later this month or early next month, they will come into full bloom. It's an exceptionally nice variety of flowering cherry because of its unusual flowering time. It grows to about 25 feet tall.

Whitcombi flowering cherry was developed in Edmonds years ago. The bright, deep pink, single flowers provide a nice show in the spring. It grows only about 20 to 25 feet in height and is noted for its interesting, irregular growth habit.

Mt. Fuji, the white flowering cherry, is probably the most popular of all varieties. It has a very attractive spreading growth habit and interesting, irregular branching pattern. The flowers are semi-double, white and hang in clusters from the branches.

One of the most unusual flowering cherries is the variety Ukon. The chartreuse yellow flowers are semi-double and have an eventual growing height of about 25 to 30 feet; a rather fast-growing tree with an interesting open branching pattern.

The Kwanzan flowering cherry is another popular home garden variety. It has a vase shape habit of growth with colorful, deep pink double blossoms. New foliage is bronze in color, turning green with maturity.

There are several varieties of upright columnar type of flowering cherry trees. Possibly the most popular is the variety called Amanogawa. It has semi-double, light pink fragrant flowers. The tree usually spreads only about four to six feet in width but may grow up to 20 feet high. It is often used for screening because of its narrow growth habit.

The weeping varieties are one of the most popular of all spring flowering cherry trees. They have a graceful weeping habit of growth. The varieties vary with single or double pink flowers. The single flowering variety usually has more blossoms.

These are only a few of the many popular varieties of the flowering cherry trees. If you want to see flowering cherries in full bloom in springtime to decide which varieties you like the best, you can visit the University of Washington Arboretum. The collection at the arboretum is one of the most outstanding flowering cherry collections anywhere in North America. You will also be able to find out how well these trees grow in the Pacific Northwest.

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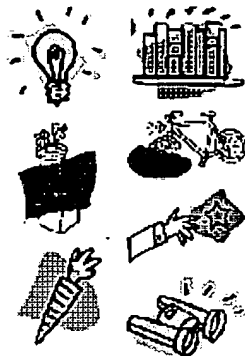
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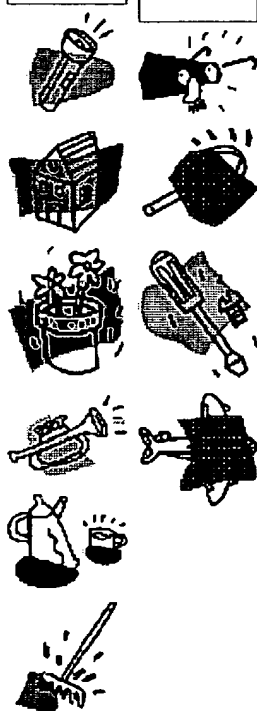
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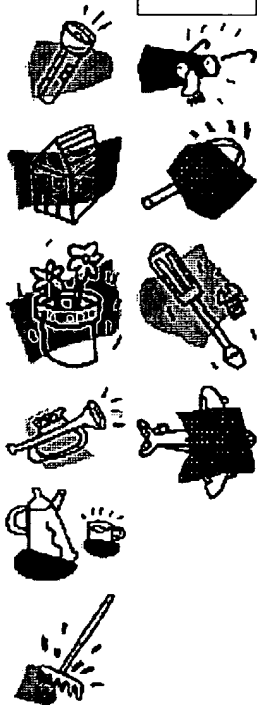
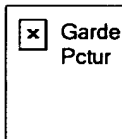
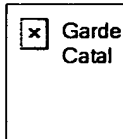
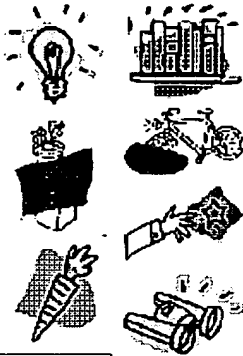
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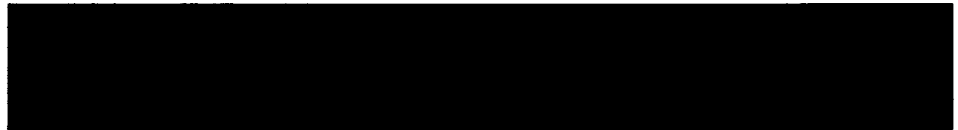


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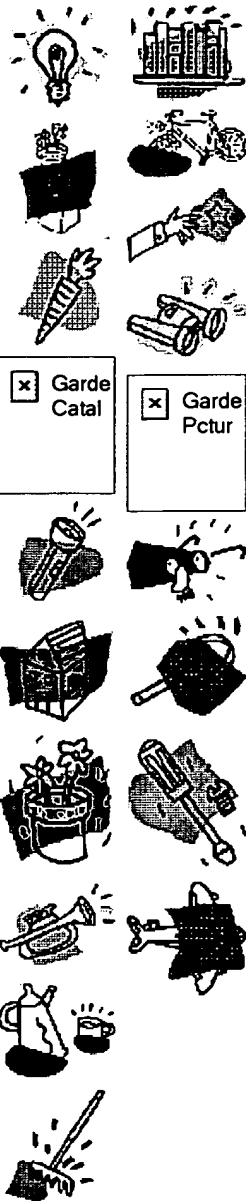
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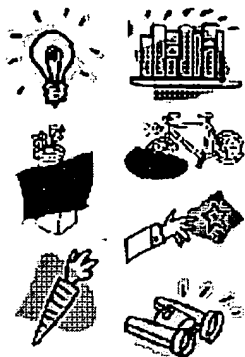
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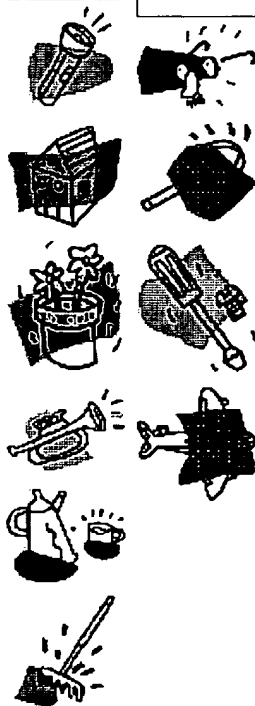
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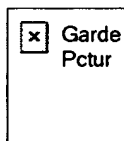
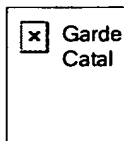
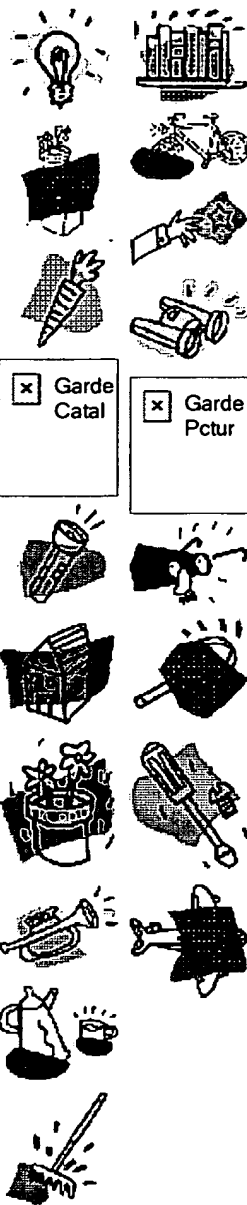
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Horticultural Information is available to callers year round. There are 8 categories and over 75 topics to choose from. Each audio message describes the situation, problem or insect, discusses why it is occurring and then suggests a number of solutions.

The automated telephone information system @ 268-4678 is still running 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year. The horticulturist is available from May through September, Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. There are over 75 topics based on commonly asked questions.

Other options for callers include:

1. Email = prpdhrt@gov.calgary.ab.ca
 2. Fax = 1-403-221-4698
 3. WebSite = <http://web.archive.org/web/19990128092600/http://www.gov.calgary.a>
- The City of Calgary Website has copies of most of the scripts on the telephone system, with an Adobe reader to download since they are PDF files (FTP is also available)

One new item on the phone system the seasonal tips message. Available by pressing 73 after having dialled 268-4678, followed by 1 to activate the system.

Saskatchewan

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Manitoba

Brandon University

Currently we provide service to all of the area outside Winnipeg and beyond. People outside Brandon are asked to use their Ag Office if possible or to leave their address so that written response may be sent to them. Some choose to reverse the charges for faster service. We diagnose pathological specimens, insect identification and control, plant identification, weed control, environmental and cultural advise on trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vegetables, fruits, house plants etc. etc.

There has also been in the past a Hort-line at the University of Manitoba which has dealt with problems within the city of Winnipeg. The Provincial pathologist now charges for diagnosis and deals with some in the horticultural industry others come to us for free advise.

Backing up the student we have Dr.Ron Jackson who is a plant pathologist/ mycologist; Professor Al Rogosin plant ecologist/taxonomist; Dr.Robin Marles pharmacognocist/ecologist/taxonomist; Bill Galloway -entomologist. Several of us also have background in horticulture. My training is in Microbiology;

Plant Physiology/Plant Biochemistry.

Our student this year is Vicki East who is a 3rd year student in Botany/ Biology.

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